

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES – 7/22/20
(Meeting held remotely via Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:00pm hosted at the Township Hall, 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, MI. Chairman Eidt called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT: Chairman Eidt, Commissioners Flore, Weston, Giese, Stanford, LaMore and Tocarchick, and Trustee Eyster.

ABSENT: Commissioner Davis. Quorum established.

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Consultant Doug Plachcinski of McKenna and Jim Howard, Planning Assistant.

Chair Eidt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Giese, second by Weston to approve the agenda with the addition of the November meeting date discussion.

Motion approved 8 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Flore, second by Eyster to approve the minutes of June 24, 2020.

Motion approved 8 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *Parks and Rec Plan: Discussion*

Questions were raised concerning the demographics of the quadrant east of Zimmer/north of Haslett, how many kids in that area (4 or 40), some formatting issues, what has changed from the old plan, moving it to the September meeting.

Motion by Eyster, second by Weston to have a finalized plan at the September meeting.

Motion approved 8 – 0.

Request was made to have the plan 2 weeks before the meeting.

- *Draft from Higher Density Committee*

Discussion ensued concerning whether duplexes would be allowed to maximize open space, where the issue came from, having an age limit, house orientation, condo units and common areas, whether it fits with the Master Plan, that this type of development would let people get away from yard work. Doug Plachcinski indicated he would have an initial draft ready for the September meeting.

It was agreed to move the issue to the September meeting.

- *Pop Up Businesses /Noise*

Discussion began about such businesses, where the issue came from, which state law was involved.

Also discussed was the noise issue

It was decided to form committees to further discuss both issues.

-Committee on Pop Up businesses: Eidt, Tocarchick, Weston and Stanford.

-Committee on Noise: Eidt, Tocarchick, LaMore and Flore.

- *November Meeting Date*

After discussion about various dates,

Motion by Giese, second by Tocarchick to move the November meeting to Monday, November 16, 2020.

Motion approved 8 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PLANNING AND BOARD REPORTS AND REVIEW

Trustee Eyster reported that the Township Board had received the Annual Report.

Chair Eidt mentioned some personal information regarding recent health issues.

Howard mentioned that the owners of the Williamston Inn on Grand River were looking at converting part of their building to some type of adult foster care.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mr. Conley had a question about noise.

REVIEW

Chairman Eidt reviewed the PC's actions from the meeting:

- Moved the Rec Plan discussion to the September meeting with a finalized draft;
- Agreed to move the higher density issue to the September meeting with an initial draft zoning ordinance amendment;
- Set up committees to address the "pop-up" business issue and the noise issue;
- Agreed to move the November meeting to Monday, November 16,2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Tocarchick, second by Commissioner Giese to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Jim Howard, Recording Secretary

Secretary Giese